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Taft and Harrison.

This is a rushing age. As witness that,

The case of Gen. Harrison is cited. After leaving the White House he rethe opinion of some of the members of with drivers and chauffeurs. the profession, he was one of the first lawyers of his day, and more than one of his warmest friends regretted, even

Harrison was represented as deeply can atmosphere with educational opporand his party, he thought, was "en-

tion. Mr. McKinley was nominated, and

Turkish Caims of Victory.

The latest dispatches from Turkish sources suggest that the Moslem situation west of Constantinople is not as desperate as the news received earlier in the week would indicate. Nazim Pasha, the commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces, claims to have routed the Bulgarians at the town of Bunarhissar, which lies due east of Constantinople and north of Lile Burgas. This would be the Bulgarian left, which drove back the Turkish right so overwhelmingly a few days ago. According to Nazim's reports, he has executed a turning movement with such success that the Bulgarian position is now menaced. Nothing comes meanwhile from Bulgarian sources to counterbalance this claim, and it remains for subsequent reports to indicate whether the tide of victory has indeed turned at last in favor of Turkey. A Bulgarian repulse at Bunarhissar, however, would not necessarily mean a Turkish victory in this war. It would probably relieve Constantinople for the present of the danger of capture, and it might sufficiently ease the pressure on Adrianople to permit the relief of that beleagured city. But it would not surely check the advance of full freight car is as encouraging a sugthe Servians in the west or cause a turn gestion as the full dinner pail used to be. in the tide of Greek successes in the south. Turkey is menaced at so many larger scale on which things are done. points at present that only through the complete demoralization of the allied forces in all directions is it likely to a hundred years if he resolves to do so. secure a winning advantage. The Bul- A doctor always considers it his duty to garian army operating in Thrace has say something pleasant and encouraging. thus far been magnificently handled and has made a record of which any military organization might well be proud. No matter what the outcome of the war the it exists in any of the parties to the campaign against Adrianople will stand present struggle. as a remarkable performance casting great credit upon one of the smallest of the nations.

There is danger that a campaign au- Havana did. dience will cheer itself into such a state of fatigue that it cannot give proper attention to the speech.

Traffic Regulation.

In the regulation of traffic in this city ing the healthfulness of the practice of with the object of safeguarding life and having kindergarten children sit on the facilitating the movement of vehicles, not schoolroom floor while engaged in play enough attention has been paid to the with balls. The suggestion was made education of drivers of horses, who are by a physician that this method of seatunder rules quite as rigid as those which ing the children and entertaining them ap ly to automobiles. Much of the con- was dangerous, inasmuch as the little seriou in the streets is caused by the folks continually got their hands soiled failure of drivers to observe these rules with the dust gathered by the ball in and the lack of admonitory suggestion by its passage over the dirty floor. This the police. For an example, there is a is undoubtedly a question for sanitarians regulation which forbids the driving of to consider. But after all the point carriages or wagons abreast at the same chiefly to be borne in mind in this pace, and yet it is by no means uncom- connection is that children will get men to find heavily loaded, slow-going dirt on their hands in almost every carts, brick wagons, dirt wagons and the line of their activity. They will get like moving along in pairs and even by their hands dirty while at play and threes, obstructing the way and prevent- while at work. A child who keeps ing a vehicle approaching from the rear its hands perfectly clean from the from overtaking in passing. This checks time of rising to the time of retirthe entire line of traffic for perhaps a ing is more properly a subject of limousine can trace its financial ancesblock. Again, heavily loaded vehicles are medical attention than one that gets try back to a 'prairie schooner.' required to keep to the right-hand side its palms and fingers more or less of the proper side of the street, so as to grimed. For the clean-handed child is leave the central space free for lighter almost invariably under the weather, and faster vehicles, which are compelled too listless to be in danger from germs to overtake on the left side of the slow- picked up off the floor or the ground. your speeches." moving unit. On Pennsylvania avenue It seems to be drawing the line pretty "I know it," replied the positive cantons rule is continually violated by wagon fine to call kindergarten play games in- didate. "And I want you to understand traffic without intervention by the police, sanitary, when children scour about the that I am the only man in our party whose attention is chiefly occupied floors on hands and knees at home who dares attempt such a thing."

watching the motorists. A few arrests and prosecutions would help to give the traffic regulations equal force in applications equal force in a schoolroom through insanitary floors tion to all classes of street users.

While special care is incumbent upon motorists in their use of the streets, they are not, of course, solely responsible for sible, and the youngsters who play their the avoidance of accidents. Pedestrians games there, whether seated on the unquestionably contribute largely to con- floor or on stools, will not be subfusion and congestion and danger in the jects for apprehension. The fear of streets. The man who crosses diagonally disease is about as bad as disease itfrom one side to the other, the man or self, and with a certain amount of prewoman who steps off a curb without caution to keep the little folks as clean looking both ways to see the situation, as is compatible with their happiness the person who stops and starts again they should not be worried during the and dodges in uncertainty, the one who kindergarten stage with acquaintance some of the dangerous elements. Mo- floor if that is the best way to entertorists who are careful, of course, adjust | tain them and give them a good start to them as far as possible, but occasione in their school life. Keep the floor clean, ally they are struck. Traffic policemen and probably little risk will be run. would do good work in admonishing such careless pedestrians of the risk they are running and the unnecessary burden they are placing upon all motorists.

If all wagons would keep to the right, peared upon the streets of Washington, with heavy vehicles on the curb side of startling, but not uncommon. A woman each street, the slow ones moving in of middle age walked along one of the procession and not abreast, with careful principal thoroughfares whose spectrum, turns to the right or wide sweeping ranging upward, consisted in the followturns to the left in changing course, with ing combination: White shoes, pink a strict observance of the rule which dress, red blazer jacket, blue hat, brown gives right of way at intersections in feather. The sun peeping out from bewith the office; but simply to THE STAR, or to north and south bound traffic, with hind a cloud shuddered and withdrew. pedestrians always noting conditions be- But there were others in evidence, perfore leaving the curb and if possible haps not quite so violent in defiance of crossing the streets only at the corners, the laws of chromatic combination. Inthere would be a great diminution of ac- deed, it is almost impossible to fare forth cidents in this city. The experience of upon the streets without noting more or not content with assuming his defeat for drivers and motorists elsewhere than in less license in the way of color associare-election, some of Mr. Taft's opponents Washington is that the traffic regulation tion. The old laws of tone blending have are arranging affairs for him after his re- is poor here, and Washington should be- been long defied by intimate associations tirement from office. Gossip sends him gin to work at this problem of street reg- of blue and green, often to excellent efback to his old home, from which he has ulation without further delay. The traf- fect, but frequently with deplorable rebeen absent a long time, and to the fic policemen might profitably be in- sults. The popularity of the red blazer structed to pay as strict attention to jacket this summer and fall has put a horse-drawn vehicles as to motors and to new strain, however, upon the color contake every possible occasion to warn science of the people, and some extraordi-

turned to Indianapolis, opened a law pedestrians of the fact that they are sub- narily bizarre effects are in evidence, as office and thrived again at the bar. In ject to certain rules of safety equally in the case cited. Nothing can be done about it. There is no law against wearing a combination of every color in the rainbow if one wants, even to the effect The New Type of Thug. An extraordinary fact about the New after he had reached the presidency. York case lately on trial involving the son can only close the eyes or look in that he had ever entered politics. He had corrupt relations between the police de- another direction. But think of those known only success in his profession. partment and the underworld is that the who must sit opposite these prismatic so-called gangmen and gunmen involved persons in the street cars! It is to shudthe firmness and clearheadedness of a are of a quiet, apparently inoffensive type, der in sympathy. Perhaps our public leader, he had been balked at times by not at all like the low-browed brutes who school teachers can begin to do some efmen much his inferior intellectually, but are usually pictured as the thugs and fective work in this respect by laying killers. The men on the witness stand the foundations of a substantial taste Again at the bar, after filling a term as gave their testimony in low, well in color combinations. But even this is President, Gen, Harrison carried himself modulated voices, using excellent English a slender reliance for the comfort of the its particular methods of measurement ative to the effect of sea water on ce as though he had never been absent a and showing almost a refinement of man-future generation. The dictates of fashday. In a case where the opposing coun- ner that contrasts strangely with their ion and particularly the fancies of the sel, in very bad taste, had hoped that the known performances. These men are the individual are superior to all teachings fact of Gen. Harrison's political honors product of peculiar conditions in New and mandates. One thing, however, might have no weight, the general, with fork and perhaps in other cities. The should be done. A police regulation ought mile and a bow, said he hoped so, too. | fact that they have been active as gang-He was in court on his merits as a sters and thieves does not, of course, mean that their traditional prototypes of the grosser sort, the loud-swearing, heavyender and the other in red. That is a It may be interesting at this time to jowled, neckerchiefed chaps of the Bill recall the fact that some of the strongest Sykes style, have passed out of being. entitled to no forgiveness. of the republican leaders wanted Gen. Such characters are still found in the pur-Harrison to return to politics and stand lieus of large centers of population and for the presidential nomination in 1896. ply their vicious trade in their own ways. The country had paid such an appalling But the more successful cracksmen and penalty for his defeat in 1892-four criminals of various degrees are now men self in the Juvenile Court the other day years of unrest and business depression of some education, some showing of genhaving succeeded four years of con- tility and excellent external appearance. was no fire, by saying that he thought fidence and prosperity-the idea was Why is this? It is partly because of the the alarm box was a telephone, hit upon that, with the opportunity, the voters free association between all classes in a the worst possible line of defense for his would apologize to him by giving him city like New York. Many of these Man- mischief. He could hardly have expected an overwhelming majority. The ap- hattan gangsters are children of immi- the court to accept so trifling an excuse. peal to him was earnestly made, and grants, either born here shortly after The imposition of a fine of \$40 in this their parents' arrival or brought here case, of course, falls upon the boy's Although not an emotional man, Gen. while young and so reared in the Ameriparents, who may be hit hard by the pen-

touched by the proposition, and so tunities. In some way their lives have come a serious one and it is necessary signified to his friends. But he de- been warped into vicious channels. Per- to do something to check it. It is incumclined, saying that he had been honored haps it has been the result of fetid tenewith two nominations and one election, ment house life, from which they have mum fine whenever a case of this sort sought to raise themselves by means of crime as the easiest way to make a good widely known that there is a heavy pen-Fortunately for the party, it possessed living and to present a "front" to their alty for tampering with the apparatus at that time two men of very great fellows. Sociologists will find an im- which constitutes the community's reability, and both associated in the pub- portant line of research in tracing out liance for protection from fire. lie mind with the presidency. Thomas the causes which have brought these men B. Reed and William McKinley were now involved in the Becker case to their prominent in all presidential specula- present debased condition. That there is The end of the campaign will relieve a something utterly demoralizing in the at- number of estimable journals of the neearnest supporter for mosphere in certain phases of New York cessity of printing a large amount of has copies numbered 4 to 20, from which general run of materials used. election than Gen. Harrison. But after life is only too apparent, and one of the political exhortation which interests the all other points of mass, such as the quitting the White House, never again most important problems of today is to authors rather than the readers. did Gen. Harrison seek or consider of- determine the nature of these influences and to eradicate them if possible. Lax police methods, reaching the point even of actual criminality on the part of those charged by the law with its enforcement, have unquestionably contributed to this state of affairs, and it is at this stage of the case decidedly interesting to ask whether with a dependable, upright, incorruptible force New York would pro-

the midst of his official cares to say

something in the way of persisage. Re-

circumstances bespeaks a remarkably pa-

In the event of Gov. Wilson's election

the meetings on the veranda are likely

to be discontinued. The weather will be

chilly; moveover, there is no use of

hastening contention by allowing discus-

sion of cabinet appointments to be pro-

In considering business conditions, the

A St. Louis doctor says a man can live

"Overconfidence" is often mentioned,

out there is absolutely no indication that

Cuba is now wondering whether New

York. Philadelphia and Chicago will be

able to hold as quiet an election as

Kindergarten Games.

An interesting discussion took place

the other night at a meeting of the

Brookland Citizens' Association regard-

tient and cheery disposition.

miscuously overheard.

public attention.

The conviction and sentence of Becker have not put an end to threats of assassination. But the actual attempts in that line seem to have met with a check. duce fewer of these Lefty Louies and Bridgie Webbers and Harry Vallons and Jack Roses who now occupy the stage of

The electoral college will understand that any vote that does not go to Col. Roosevelt is likely to be described as Mayor Gaynor occasionally pauses in stolen property

A False Alarm Punishment.

is proved, so that the fact may be made

Occasionally an American party leader

is like a South American general who

considers the fight a success if he can

prevent it from being entirely stopped.

Another gloomy example of what hapgardless of the quality of his quips and pens when a man takes himself seriously fancies, the effort at levity under recent once too often is Jack Johnson.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

The Golden Rule. "Women do not always observe the

Golden Rule among themselves," ventured the candid person. "No," replied Miss Cayenne; "I am in clined to think the Golden Rule would get more attention if it were something responsible for the maintenance of the and appropriate, as applying to the you got at a jewelry store."

A Frequent Program.

The victors in a glorious fray Join in rejoicing for a day; And then the same old valiant elves Turn in and fight among themselves.

In Black and White

"That candidate says he will never accept another campaign contribution from me," said Mr. Dustin Stax. "Why are you blacklisted?" "Because I couldn't be whitewashed."

Wanted-A Trainer. When Noah sent each kind of beast Into his wondrous ark. Of trouble there was not the least; Not one unkind remark. The Donkey did not lift his heels: The Houn'-dawg did not bay; The Mephant just ate his meals And watched the others play.

The Bull Moose was a gentle brute. As mild as any cow; He did not voice a fierce salute And seek to raise a row.

Alas! What battles strange we see When campaign days arrive! How sweet and peaceful life might be If Noah were alive!

Evolution. "Of course, you believe in evolution?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox. "My own recollections of early days in the west remind me that many a sixty-horsepower

Personal Privilege.

"You sometimes contradict yourself in

thirty-six inches, and that a quart measure laboratories is equal to two pints.

and toys and hands. Let it be assured

Chromatic Crimes.

The other day a chromatic vision ap-

that the floors are kept as clean as pos-

Last Appeal. Sometimes she may believe she is being cheated. Short measure is her cry. The measure is absolutely correct, the trades- tions for the use of the voltameter. undertakes to cross the street while read- with the germ theory of infection. Let man replies. And so the matter stands. ing a newspaper or a book, these are the kiddles play on the kindergarten It may be intentional fraud, but it also measurements. There is a court of last room has been installed, the temperature appeal, however, higher than the trades- of which may be maintained at any deman's word, higher even than the word | sired point between widely separated limof the official representing the government of the state wherein the occurrence mined. happened. That court is the national bu-

reau of standards in Washington. To this institution falls the responsibility of defining a yard. It means more than saying it contains thirty-six inches, for each one of those inches and each Chemical part thereof must be exact to the last possible degree. And, in like measure, to it falls the responsibility of defining all other measures and standards.

Seven functions were prescribed in the act creating the bureau, the first being the custody of the standards. Then, too, it is charged with the task of comparing standards for the "states, municipalities, institutions and the general public, comprising standards used in commerce, manufacturing and science, assuring to the public accuracy at its source, in the factory and the works laboratory." Whatever new standards may be necessary on account of scientific or technical progress the bureau constructs. Also it standardizes measuring apparatus to be used as an independent verifier. And in addition to all this it is constantly conducting scientific or technical experiments, to in sure a state of accuracy in such a way that the public is usually the beneficiary

The term "weights and measures" has a much broader definition today than it did even a few years ago. of outraging the finest sensibilities of New Modern Once the term meant length, area, volume and

Elements. weight. Since the introduction, however, of power, electric current, heat, light, irrigation, refrigeration and services of other kinds as commodities for production and sale, the scope has correspondingly broadened to include measurements of velocity, pressure, energy, electricity, temperature and illumination. Almost every industry has and its special measuring instruments. While the bureau of standards is first of all a government institution, working for the government, the public is both directly and indirectly benefited by its the street together, the one clad in lav- last Sunday's Star, makes tests for private commercial firms or individuals. The bureau stands for accuracy in

> every person in the United States every All length standards are based upon the ing ice, between two fine lines on a bar of platinum-iridium preserved at the inderived all other standards of length used in the United States.

weight, is a certain cylinder of platinum- weight, and the change of weight due t International

national bureau of weights and measures in France. From this kilogram copies its quality, strength, stretch, absorption have been made, having the same mass, and weight. Rubber, in the form of material and form, and after careful com- chanical rubber goods, is tested for prison to establish their value have been strength, elasticity and general quality. distributed in the same manner as copies ernment departments, have had the re of the international meter. The bureau sult of bringing up the character of the pound avoirdupois, pound troy, etc., are derived in this country.

ment, at a value of about \$40,000. Of that Stratton is the director of the bureau. number 15,000 odd tests came under the classification of "capacity," while the smallest number made, 133, were of an electrical nature. The bureau inspected nearly 1,000,000 incandescent lamps for other government departments, the fees for which, if done for outside firms, would, Elaborate have amounted to more than \$5,000. Government tests in 1910, exclusive of those connected with lamps, were 35 per cent greater than for the preceding year, while the tests for the public increased 12 per

Accuracy in the government measurements often has a large money value. An example of this is the work done by the bureau in connection with hydrometers, instruments used in ascertaining the density or weight of liquis. Each year the bureau makes hundreds of tests with values for densities of mixtures of alcohol and water. The annual internal revenue collections are about \$150,000,000 on goods the values of which are measured

by means of that instrument. Although fewest in number, the electrical tests made in one year were among the most important. Accurate measurement of the various electrical quantities occurring in practice is of great commercial importance, as well as scientific and technical. The bureau of standards is units in terms of which such measurements are made. In addition to this work improved standards and measuring apparatus have been developed.

The units to which electrical measure-Units. international ohm, defined in sical constants. The circular of the terms of the resistance of a uniform colterms of the resistance of a uniform column of mercury of specified dimensions,
and (2) the internationally established

whost of the woodwork of the woodwo umn of mercury of specified dimensions, ing, properties of materials, legislation and (2) the internationally established concerning weights and measures, reguand (2) the internationally established unit of current defined by the rate at which silver is deposited by an electrical current in the silver voltameter. The current in the silver voltameter is deposited by an electrical current in the silver voltameter. The current in the silver voltameter is defined by the rate at lations, specifications and other informations that this branch, which will be run from the this branch, which will be that of the moment arrived for the powers to the more this branch, which will be that of the moment arrived for the powers to the more than the following that the silver is deposited by an electrical this branch, which will be that of the moment arrived for the powers to the more than the following that the silver is defined by the rate at lations, specifications and other informations that the silver is defined by the rate at lations, specifications and other informations that the silver is defined by the rate at lations, specifications and other informations that the silver is defined by the rate at lations, specifications and other informations that the silver is defined completion of specifications for the volta- Separate scientific papers are issued in meter, in order to assure the highest ac- the form of reprints for general distribucuracy, was left to an international com- tion on subjects of more general intermittee, under the auspices of which co- est. Miscellaneous publications are also operative work was carried on at the issued.

Everybody knows that a yard contains bureau by representatives of the national of England, Germany showed that the previously recognized The housewife espe- type was subject to large errors. These cially has this im- can be corrected, however, with the repressed upon her daily, sult that the instrument will be accurate Municipal in its measurement up to a few parts in 100,000. The facts thus obtained will be used in drawing up the official specifica-Another branch of electrical work carried on at the bureau is the testing of measuring instruments used largely by may be merely ignorance of accurate electrical engineers. A small testing

> The chemical work done by the bureau Analysis.

the work has been done for the isthmian officers, \$11,716.72; dogs, \$394.62; weighers canal commission, the office of the supergovernment printing office. An instance of licenses, \$110.50; fish wharf, \$266.36; prothe work done with cement was in connection with the Panama canal in determining the best possible materials with withstand sea water. Other lines of work include investigating celluloid and \$9,383.85; councils, \$4,827.44; police magispassenger vessels of the United States; investigating printing and record inks, with the intention of improving their quality, and the preparation of the purest possible ethyl alcohol to serve as a basis for new density tables for mixtures of alcohol and water for use by the internal revenue and customs service.

Part of the work assigned to the bu reau by the act establishing it was testing materials, a branch which has come to be exceptionally important. In this connection several cement-testing laboratories have been established. The branch at Northampton, Pa., is the one at which cement for the Panama canal is being tested, the quantity inspected here daily averaging from 5,000 to 7,500 barrels. A small cement kiln has been constructed at Pittsburgh for studying problems in connection with the manufacture of cement, etc., while an exposure station has recently been established at Charleston, S. C., for the purpose of continuing the investigations begun at Atlantic City relments, mortars and concretes.

The tests in connection with paper are amount equal to the receipts. During lans at Adrianople during thirty days. concede Constantinople to the Bulgarians work. In addition to its regular duty as also important. All the paper used in lector to the several wards sums amountprohibit two girls from walking down eral system, the bureau, as explained in Paper of the government is tested of the movement for more in-

liveries are analyzed and tested at the international meter, which is defined as bureau, which includes determining the the distance, at the temperature of melt-fiber composition, folding endurance, weight, breaking and tensile strength. ternational bureau of weights and meas- Researches are also in progress to deures near Paris, France. Accurate pro- termine the effects of humidity upon the Draft in totypes have been made, and after properties of paper, such as weight, tional meter and among themselves they strength and thickness, the deterioration have been distributed among the govern- of paper by coloring matter, and the ments of the world. The bureau has na- study of the durability of wood cellulose tional prototype No. 27, from which are as compared with cotton and linen. A paper-making machine for producing experimental papers under predetermined conditions and of definite composition is installed at the bureau. The standard of mass, commonly called Textile raw materials are sold by

iridium known as the absorption from the air is therefore a matter of commercial importance. This the international phase of the problem is being investikilogram, also pre- gated by the bureau. Metals are tested Mass Standard. served at the inter- for their strength, while finished metal products are tested under working conditions. Leather is inspected to determine The bureau of standards is only elever years old. At the present about 300 people are connected with it, and four large buildings are in use. A fifth is in course In a single year the bureau made ap- of construction, which will be used for proximately 35,000 tests for the govern- the electrical work of the bureau. W. S

> More than \$600,000 is the amount appropriated for the bureau for a single their friends than to take the chances of year. Of that sum, \$175,000 is for labora-

tory purposes, and Equipment. \$180,000 for testing maneeds. In temperature work ranges must be available from that of liquid air to the heat of the electric arc; in state of the work: electrical work all varieties and the maxsteam, gas, compressed air, vacuum, hot, cold, iced and distilled water, liquid air. trol of the humidity is needed, while in others the humidity is varied at will. The character and quantity of the rely depended upon the facilities available investigation and testing. In almost every field new and improved apparatus road. must be designed and constructed. The bureau has consequently a well equipped instrument shop, skilled mechanicians and modern machinery, which have been an important factor in the maintenance high standard in the technical

As is the case with practically all government bureaus, the distribution of in-London international electric- formation is largely through bulletins, a day or two, and as soon as the cars are from the Grand Old Man of Britain the degree of efficacy, and if it is found that al conference in 1908. The embodying the results of the scientific fundamental units are, (1) the work in reference to standards, instru-ments, methods of measurement and phystrictly technologic work of the bureau. the 10th of November.

JUST BEFORE THE BALLOTING.

From the Boston Globe

From the Boston Herald.

vote" is clearing its throat.

From the Philadelphia Press.

raise a crop of side whiskers before From the Charleston News and Courier. There is no truth in the report that the March 4. And none of them has promise railroads will begin to offer special rates not to do it. to office-seekers on the sixth. From the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

The silent vote will make itself felt. From the Syracuse Herald. Look out for sensational reports this week that John D. Rockefeller is going From the Pittsburgh Press. There are "quite a few" people who are to vote for one or the other of the presinot telling how they are going to vote. Which do you think is the candidate of dential candidates. their preference?

From the Columbia State. O Allah, what a dizzy drop there will be if they nose us out after all! From the New York Evening Sun. Which will fall first-Adrianople

From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. The hurricane of November 5 will obliterate many a house of straw votes. from the St. Louis Republic. If claims were elections we would have This is the last week in which the sev three Presidents.

From the Cleveland Leader. There shouldn't be complaint of lack of in the primaries in New York.

From the Baltimore Sun.
Then, after the region

eral party chairmen can determine the result of the election; next wek the people will settle it.

Fortunately business is brisk, so that there will be some hope for the thou-sands of spellbinders November 6 look-ing around for some useful occupation.

There are indications that "the silent

Then, after the regular Oyster Day, we From the Toledo Blade.

It would be a good joke on the voters if the Day, and so on ad libitum. Every day the man they elect President should is Raw Oyster Day.

YEARS AGO

An examination of the following items of receipts and expenditures for the cor- Successful

poration of Washington during the fiscal year end-Finances. printed in The Star of poses of comparison with present-day municipal finances:

"Receipts.-From taverns, \$17,930.25;

chants, \$130; hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc., \$1,679.92; insurance agents, \$650; hacks and omnibuses, \$3,427.17; carts, wagons and drays, \$4,952.41; livery sta- Turkish army. bles, \$195; vegetable and fish stalls, \$14.958.50; hucksters, \$4,395; butchers similar materials. The majority of \$3,423.04; tax on stocks, \$2.683.33; police Saloniki. of hay, straw, etc., \$518.16; rent of houses ceeds of grounds of asylum, \$1,905.54; disaster. semi-annual contribution from the several wards, \$43,852 20; certificates issued under act of May 28, 1861, \$50,000. "Expenditures.-Pay of officers of the

their acceptance for transportation in apothecaries, \$1.270.03; officers of the \$2,121.04; assessors, \$3,318.78; expenses of the levy court, \$1,129.30; support of poor, and Akka. aged and infirm, \$14,498.81; burial of out-\$3,508.09; inclosing Judiciary Square, \$1,990.50; fuel and groceries for poor of house, \$2,085; purchase of lot and erecpolice, \$700; payment of bills incurred by menace the Turkish transports. the 'peace' conference convention, \$338.75; aid to fire companies, \$4,648.88; repairs to bridges of canal, \$911.51; special provision for smallpox at Washington Asylum, \$633; conveying hogs to the asylum, \$324.50; partial improvement of Judiciary Square, \$410.22; retirement and cancellation of certificates issued under the act of May 28, 1861, \$41,000; redemption of principal and payment of interest on guaranteed bonds of Washington and of interest on funded debt, \$43,969; with sundry bills of a trivial nature, which ctor to the several wards sums amount ing in all to \$116,108.74; the expenditures for grading, graveling and improving by this bureau. As a result streets were \$16,281.38; lighting street lamps, \$8,083.16; paving and repairing gutcase of disorderly assemblage that is measurements, the use of which touches telligent buying, print papers are bought ters, \$5,662.93; erecting and repair of

> Draft difficulties were experienced by the part of a certain sec-

October 28, 1862, is this paragraph: "The enrollment in Anne Arundel tricts the enrolling officers had to resign longer the soldier he was at Plevna. secesh proclivities left suddenly for the of the Bulgarian army of operation: nine south, and nothing having been heard divisions, 216 battalions, 153 batteries, from them since it is supposed that they 250,000 men. for military duty, and it is astonishing Kustendil. The total number is 54,000, in Europe. The Temps of October 2 to observe how many unhealthy persons armed with Berdan rifles and cannon of published a diplomatic document which portion of the county takes the draft to the Servians, may serve to reinforce is a circular addressed by Russia to with a good grace, complaining that it should be necessary, but gaining the south as the cause of it. Capt. Watkins' company will go from the county with a large number of recruits, many of the young men preferring to enlist among

subject of keen local in-

"The work upon the remaining branches arms. If there should be a reunion of imum ranges of current practicable are of the road, which has been much re- a European conference it would be only vantages assured to the Macedonian used; in chemical work the usual facili- tarded through the difficulty of getting to fix the limits of the new territories these instruments for the internal revenue asset, in chemical was a fast as pos- acquired by the coalition. As for Eng- agreed between the cabinets and the service. An elaborate series of tests has ties are supplemented by many special instruments. For all divisions of the sible, and ere long we will be enabled to land, M. Clemenceau believed that she sublime porte, based upon these treaties, recently been completed, which resulted instruments. For all divisions of the recently been completed, which resulted instruments. For all divisions of the chronicle its completion. The main road would accept the opening of the Daries and remain absolutely intact. between High street (Georgetown) and danelles. He did not think the peace of the railroad depot is in successful opera- Europe was menaced. And he added: cold brine, etc., are available as required. tion, there now being thirty-four cars on "This success of the allied army is the In certain classes of work temperature the route, running from 5 a.m. to 12 bankruptcy of the Von der Goltz" strat- interference which might complicate that control is required. In other tests con- o'clock p.m.-a portion of the day being egy. run on two-minute time. The reported This last observation referred, without difficulty with the corporate authorities doubt, to a dispatch from a London correlative to the building of the sewer at respondent who had announced that the kanic states. sults attained by the bureau have large- 13th street, which crosses the track, is a Turkish army had been trained by Gen. myth, the building of the sewer being in Von der Goltz and his aids, and that it for constructing special apparatus for its the charge of a contractor with whom an was armed and equipped with German reformer, likewise that of other powers, arrangement will be made to tunnel the armament. The Bulgarian, Servian, Mon-

"The navy yard line from the gate up trained and armed by the French. Pennsylvania avenue and 7th street is was Creusot against Krupp. connecting with the cars to the navy Turk."

the Avenue and F street, the track has been laid down New York avenue to 15th "The road to hell is paved with good is marching to the sea and may shout its marching to the sea and may shout street, where it connects with the main intentions!" line. When completed the cars will be run from the northern extremity of the to the joint note of the powers was typistreet to the depot.

The sea! the sea! that sea! the sea! "At present there is but one transfer point, 7th street and the Avenue, where an agent of the company is stationed who

hands the tickets to passengers changing cars, but when all the lines are in running order other points of transfer will be established."

THE ALCHEMIST.

My simple say-so makes the truth, It also makes the lie; And all things bad transmute to good When they are done by I.

Bill Flinn was just a common boss Until he followed me, But now he's clean and beautiful As any one can be. Perkins had predatory wealth Until I sanctified His tainted cash and made it pure

By use upon my side. Thus, that all men and measures, too, Are made, or bad or good, As they are for me or against, Is plainly understood

By all who get pure politics
Direct from Flinn and me,
The grand originators of
Political purity. From the Cincinnati Times-Star. -Marlin Ward, in the New York Sun.

THE BALKAN WAR AND DIPLOMACY

The Balkan armies have had amazing herself in 1880. Turkey had never atsuccess in their rapid operations against tempted a single reform! the Turk. At this mo- a foreign diplomat of distinction. ment the main Bul- subject was entered upon by the inter-

garian forces are at- viewer; "Diplomacy, has it not failed?" tacking the main Turk- Has it prevented was?" And the diplo-Operations. ing June 30, 1862, as re- ish army before Demotika, where they that is true. But it has foreseen war. propose to cut, or have cut, the Orient October 27, 1862, is interesting for pur- railway, which would destroy Turkish communications with Constantinople. The Bulgarians are reported as moving south of Kirk-Killiseh, assumed to have been of Berlin, seen from the outside, Pasha, the commander-in-chief of the

In the west the Servians are attacking at Uskub, Velco or Koprulu, with Monas- between the Emperor of Russia and the is, for the most part, directly for the stalls, \$12,270; billiard tables, \$750; ten- tir as the objective. The Montenegrins, King of Italy. From that interview there government. This includes pin alleys, \$70; auctioneers, \$500; theat- reinforced by Servians, are shelling Scu- came the Balkanic entente. the analysis of iron, steel, rical exhibitions, \$1,405; pawn brokers, tari to compel quick surrender of that

The military situation is somewhat obdispatches by both the armies, but it apvising architect of the Treasury and the in seventh ward, \$288.70; transfers of pears almost certain at the moment that the Turkish army is menaced by a great Has the signature of the Italo-Turkish

Turks to bring into action their reserves from Asia Minor? Who knows? These troops, it may be interesting to corporation, \$15,567.08; police department, state, are composed of two groups: The first, the divisions at Eregli, Ismit, articles made from it with reference to trates, \$4,205.66; ward physicians, \$942.82; Afloun-Karahissar, Ouchak, Brousse, Smyrna; the second, the troops at Aidin, asylum, \$2,056.84; clerks of markets. Denizli, Anatolia, Aleppo, Adana, Aintab, Hama, Tripoli, Damas, Diraa, Jerusalem

> The first group nearby may be brought door poor, \$1.650; policemen for night into line by the Karahissar-Isinit-Scutari duty, \$4,000; expenses of station houses, railway, or by the ports of the Black sea. The second group cannot so easily be transported. The only route open is the city, \$1,500; repairs to Center market the sea from Smyrna and other Mediter- English and Germans would rush to the ranean ports. Had the Italo-Turkish aid of that victory. A Bulgarian viction of schoolhouse in the first district, war continued it would have prevented \$4,776.21; purchase of lot for school purthe transportation of these troops, but poses in third district. \$645.52; erection of the Greek navy has, perhaps, already central guardhouse, \$13,418; uniforms for placed itself in position seriously to

> > The Turks are great in an emergency and if things are looking dark for them they have not lost all hope. "Why should we lose confidence?" said a distinguished Hopes. Ottoman diplomat, when

informed of the desperate situation of the Alexandria railroad. \$20,879.50; payment Turkish army. "Turks at Varna held the cause the expenditures to foot up in are certainly capable of resisting Bulgar- nople and that Europe would be ready to

fanaticism which distinguished in war the Turkish soldier. But since Plevna many things have happened to the Turk. Writer there exists an Austro-Russian on specifications, and samples of all de\$6,690.48."

pumps, \$4,805.12; constructing sewers, Many of his ideals have been crushed. entente in Balkanic affairs. The chantion, it has had the effect, perhaps, of desome ideas of the rights of men-the evolution of the actual crisis very many the government in Maryland as a result rights of others, of the rights of those of a positive hostility on he was formerly taught he might killmurder with impunity. The party of union and progress taught him that it was tion of the population to right to fraternize with his Christian the purposes for which brother. The party of union and progress the army was intended. In The Star of abandoned-denied these principles in its thirst for power and authority. The erably failed to perform its legitimate Turkish soldier, it may be, is weary of this strife and it is because he no longer refused to execute the reforms in Macecounty was finished last week, not with- cares to fight against his oppressed Chris- donia the powers should have taken out some little difficulty. In some dis- dan brothers in the Balkans he is no

From information from Sofia we learn something of the composition of the first same time definitely settle this ques one district (fourth or Piney Woods dis- Bulgarian army, which is divided into trict) it was found requisite to have the three distinct masses, the first, second enrollment effected by military, Company and third armies of the first line. King B, Purnell Cavalry, Capt. Watkins, per- Ferdinand, aided by Gen. Savof, former forming the duty. In this district it is minister of war, exercises the supreme said the enrollment could easily have command. Gens. Ivanof, Kutinchef, been made by a civilian, but it was dif- Dimitrief command, respectively, the first, ficult to obtain a person who would un- second and third armies. This army is dertake it. Just previous to the enroll- acting in the strategical plans of operament a large number of persons of tion in Thrace and it embraces the whole

The second Bulgarian army of the secmaining secesh sympathizers are hunting ond line is concentrated in the upper up evidence to show that they are unfit valley of the Struma in the region of the European powers over Turkish affairs there are now in the county. The Union old model. This army, while lending aid has remained a secret. The publication the main army.

M. Clemenceau, returning to Paris from Carlsbad, has been interviewed. Reply- that the suspension of the authority of said that the powers desire to permit Turkey to execute the are unanimous in limit- reforms herself. What naivete! As if being drafted and put in old regiments." Interviewed. ing the war in the Bal- document said: Work on the city railway was being kans. He did not believe the maintechinery. In many respects the equip- pressed as rapidly as possible, and was a nance of the ante-bellum statu quo was possible. He did believe that Austriadone there embraces a wide variety of City Railway terest. In The Star of Hungary and Russia were completely in desistance of Russia and the other October 31, 1862, is the accord not to augment their territories.

following account of the He concluded that the Balkan coalition Powers' Rights solute; the righ s would profit by the success of their

tenegrin and Greek armies had been dertaken by the sultan will end in a completed as far as N street, to which It is reassuring to learn from such have for its first effect to put an end in point the double track is laid, and at excellent authority as M. Clemenceau the Balkanic countries to a natural dispresent twelve cars are running upon it that England has not returned to her tra- quiet essentially dangerous for the genon five-minute time from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. ditional love of the Turk and is not play- eral peace. The single track to the park is all laid ing for her own interests at the expense with the exception of a few rails at the of that of Bulgaria, which was once the northern extremity, which will be laid in victim of such atrocities as to provoke ferred by the sultan attains the desired brought on they will be put in operation, stinging epithet of the "unutterable the situation of the European provinces

But Le Matin, just before the "Most of the woodwork of the track to charged, in referring to an apparent lack sity of taking up anew and in a most "The government of his majesty has its account. But it may be that this "The work on the 14th street line is constantly encouraged the government failure to act may be an exception and progressing as fast as possible, and the Turk in its intentions to introduce reprove a blessing in disguise. company entertains hope of having it in operation on the 20th of November.
To avoid the grade of 14th street between the track has been applied by the track

a plan of reforms proposed by Turkey

"Diplomats are necessary notwithstanding that affairs are arranged more and priests of a cult whose mystery mystifies and moves the people. In the congress

The Gaulois of Paris has interviewed

more in the street. Diplomats are the retail liquors, \$10,435.75; goods, wares and abandoned by the Turks, to attack be-assumed that the members had faith in merchandise, \$11,096.70; commission mer- tween Eski-Baba and Lule-Burgas, where, their work. Did they have faith? Alas! according to a Constantinople dispatch, a orient was not settled. After San Stefano, crucial battle is being fought by Nazim Berlin. But after Berlin the upset; and now, the ditch!"

Italy was sure of Russia. Mysterious affinity that, which was established three years ago at Racconigi in a few hours Did the diplomat consider the Balkanic

quadruplice as known to Italy and to alloys, cement, rubber, oils, \$100; hawkers and peddlers, \$3,020.50; rent place that they may co-operate with the Russia from its inception? Did his interpaints, papers, inks and of wharves on the Washington canal, Greek army against Monastir and finally locutor suppose that this profound movement was not known to other chancellerles? The diplomat insisted that this groupment could not have been avoided. The alliance of the powers of which Europe seemed overproud, what was it worth in time of war? In peace it was a cause of paralysis. If France had a cause of paralysis. adhered to the Russo-Italian entents England would not have followed. At peace treaty at Ouchy permitted the London they are Turks. To speak of the Balkanic entente would have put fire at once to the entente. Must it be concluded that Italy will aid the Balkanio states? That would depend upon their

> success But what of Turkey? Turkey since she has had a constitution is changed. She feels that she is hunted down. The Turks know that every time she is saved she is diminished. Did the diplomat believe that Europe could stop the war? It was necessary first that the powers would wish to stop it

unanimously. tory Russia would lead the victorious

But the grave and alarming conclusion according to the diplomat was, who would say to the victor, Who Will "Hands off"? Did the interlocutor see this Intervene? gendarme? The diplomat

did not. And then? In a recent article, before the war, in the Nouveau Temps of St. Petersburg, M. Menshikoff advanced the idea that diplomacy had foreseen the possibility that Russians in check during six months, they the Bulgarians would besiege Constantiable to take it. Austria-Hungary would No one doubts the valor, endurance and find compensation in Saloniki, and Russia also in Armenia. According to the tions, and having been given a constitu- There had been phenomena more surprising. Such an accord would be at any veloping his understanding and imparting rate peaceful and would explain in the seriously, that King Ferdinand of Bullate in the greatest secrecy and that he

brought back with him formal guaran-Diplomacy, it is incontestable, has misover the affair themselves. Turkey would not perform her duty; the powers would perform it for her and at the tion of the orient which has been the

nightmare of Europe. The authority of Europe was conferred by the famous article 23 of the treaty of Berlin of 1878. This article 23 stipulates that organic rules exactly adapted to local wants will be intro duced in all the regions of Turkey in Europe and that the details of these rules would be established by special commissions in which the native ele-

ment of these regions would be largely epresented. The revolution in Turkey of 1908 did not abrogate the rights of control of the powers dated July 25, 1908, which received the adhesion of all the interested governments. I cite therefrom because of its actual importance. In the preamble the document explained ing to questions, he the powers was due to their mutual

> Turkey would reform anything! The "It should be understood that the

> population by virtue of what was "Russia will follow with the most sympathetic attention the efforts of Turkey to assure the working of the new regime

she will abstain, for her part, from all task and will exercise all her influence in order to anticipate and prevent any disturbing action on the part of the Bal-"But, faithful to the traditions of her policy, she will not consider her role of as terminable except that the work un-It real amelioration of the state of things

in Macedonia-amelioration which should

"In a word Russia cannot renounce the faculty to appreciate if the reform conof Turkey remains in a precarious state

we have seen that Turkey's response Ten Thousand once awoke the echoes CH. CHAILLE-LONG.

jumped on the Turks before the latter

The Turks are discovering that the

It looks now as though there won't be enough left of Turkey to make hash.

It must at least be admitted that even

From the Baltimore Evening Sun.

From the Detroit Free Press.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

BACK, BACK, BACK TO CONSTANTINOPLE!

It looks as if some Turkish soldier had time to get a morning cup of coffee, From the Omaha World-Herald. might win the next Olympic marathon.

There are interesting and dramatic so-called "Christian dog's" bite is worse features of the war in the Balkans, but | than its bark. it will take the siege and fall of Constantinople to make a self-engrossed world take more than ordinary notice unless the feared complications arise.

From the Detroit News. What is the matter with the famous fighting Turk? Or is he, like most old-time champions, unable to come back? From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

The valor of the Bulgarians will go further than international honor toward permanently settling the Balkan trouble. Sick Man of Europe seems to have it. From the Bridgeport Evening Post. Swat the Turk is the slogan in the east.

when it comes to getting in the first claim to victory the Bulgarlans have the Turks knocked into a cocked hat. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. There is a disease in which the patient wants to walk all the time. The

only his locomotion is backward. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. What has become of the old theory that the Turks are the best fighters on earth

The trouble is, those Bulgarians because they are fatalists?